



**CALIFORNIA  
HIGH-SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY**

**Weekly Executive Director's Report, Jan. 8, 2010**

**FROM:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director  
**TO:** Authority Board Members

TOPIC / UPDATE

LINE SECTION

AUTHORITY STAFF

RELEVANT DATE

NEXT STEP / ACTION NEEDED

**TOP ISSUES**

**CEO Search**

The Authority Board voted Jan. 7 to proceed in the search for a CEO to lead the High-Speed Rail Authority and train project. The Board decided the most important qualification for a CEO is experience managing and delivering large public constructino projects, while experience in rail and experience in California are also desireable qualifications.

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Mehdi Morshed

1/7/2010

Board Chair Pringle and Member Diridon will seek the assistance of a search firm and transportation professionals to develop a list of candidates to be brought to the Board for consideration as soon as February.

**Legislative Hearings**

There are three upcoming legislative hearings to discuss the recently submitted business plan report to the Legislature. They are:

- Assembly Transportation Committee: Jan. 11
- Joint Senate Transportation and Senate Budget Subcommittee #2: Jan. 19
- Informational Hearing hosted by Sen. Simitian: Jan. 21

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Jeff Barker

1/11, 19, 21/2010

Chairman Pringle and Executive Director Morshed will present at the Jan. 11 and Jan. 19 hearings. Deputy Director Barker and Peninsula Rail Program Director Doty will present at the Jan. 21 meeting.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENTS**

Nothing to report this period

**ENGINEERING/ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS**

Publicize and hold public meetings to gather input.

**Merced-Sacramento Scoping**

Public open-house scoping meetings will kick off the public input portion of the environmental review phase of the Merced-to-Sacramento planned section of the high-speed rail system. The meeting times and locations are as follows:

- Stockton, CA, January 20, 2010, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., San Joaquin Council of Governments, 555 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA.
- Merced, CA, January 21, 2010, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Merced Senior Center, 755 W. 15th Street, Merced, CA.
- Sacramento, CA, January 27, 2010, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Amtrak Depot, Model Room, 301 I Street, Sacramento, CA.
- Modesto, CA, January 28, 2010, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Modesto Center Plaza, 1000 L Street, Modesto, CA.

Merced - Sacramento	Dan Leavitt	1/20-28/2010
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**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

See above "Legislative Hearings" report under "top issues" section.

**OUTREACH EFFORT HIGHLIGHTS**

Nothing to report this period

## **PUBLIC EVENTS**

### **San Jose-Merced Public Meetings**

Two public open houses are being held in the San Jose-to-Merced section to discuss the current state of the Alternatives Analysis for that section. The meetings are:

- Gilroy, Jan. 11., 6-8 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 6070 Monterey Road.
- San Jose, Jan. 12, 6-8 p.m., Roosevelt Community Center, 901 E. Santa Clara Street

San Jose -  
Merced

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1/11-12/2010

Publicize and hold public meetings

### **San Jose Sections Joint-Community Meeting**

The project management teams from both the San Francisco-San Jose and San Jose-Merced sections will hold a joint public meeting Jan. 14 in San Jose at Bellarmine College Preparatory, 960 W. Hedding St.

San Jose -  
Merced and San  
Francisco - San  
Jose

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1/14/2010

Publicize and hold public meeting

### **Anaheim Open House**

A community meeting and open house will be held Jan. 20 in Anaheim to present and discuss the current state of the Alternatives Analysis process. Members of the project team will be available to answer questions.

Los Angeles -  
Anaheim

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1/20/2010

Publicize and hold public meeting

## **OTHER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

### **Executive Director Retirement**

It was announced at the Jan. 7 Board meeting that Executive Director Morshed will be retiring by March 31.

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3/31/2010

This coincides with the search for a CEO, a position which will be the chief executive within the planned reorganization of the Authority.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

**ARRA Announcement**

It is currently expected that an announcement on the \$8 billion in ARRA federal stimulus funding for high-speed intercity rail will be made mid- to late-January.

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Mid- to Late-  
January

**February Board Meeting in San Diego**

The Board's regularly monthly meeting is scheduled to be held in San Diego in February, on the 4th, with Committee meetings to be held in the same location.

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Sam Newman

2/4/2010

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